list has to be drawn up, are to be included in that list irrespective of their merit as compared with others, provided they are not considered unfit for promotion. There is, no proposal under consideration of the Government at the moment to amend para 9.2(a) of the Brochure.

Representation from Women's Organisation

4645. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from women's organisations for amendments in law relating to dowry deaths and assaults on women;

(b) if so, the main contents of the representation received;

(c) action being taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, suggestions are received from time to time from various sections of the population for making such laws more effective and the punishments more stringent.

(c) and (d) On the basis of such suggestions and Government's own perceptions, provisions have already been made in the Indian Penal Code under sections 304-B and 498A to curb the menace of dowry deaths and assaults on women. The review of such legal provisions is a continuous process in Government.

Scheme for abolition of manhandling of Night Soil

4646. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for abolition of manhandling of Night Soil;

(b) if so, in how many municipalities of Andhra Pradesh the Scheme is in progress;

(c) what is the total amount earmarked for the same;

(d) at what stage of implementation is the scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) how many scavangers are expected to be relieved during this year; and

(f) what is the percentage in total in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. The Low Cost Sanitation programme for liberation of scavengers to eliminate manual scavenging is being implemented.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh, the scheme is being implemented in 108 municipalities and 2 corporations.

(c) Loan of Rs. 3513.92 lacs and subsidy of Rs. 1396.60 lacs has been sanctioned so far for implementation of this scheme in Andhra Pradesh from 1982-83 to 1992-93.

(d) The State Government has so far utilised Rs. 2861.654 lacs and converted 1,68,728 household dry latrines and 1060 community dry latrines into pour flush water seal latrines.

(e) About 600 scavengers are expected to be liberated during 1993-94.

(f) In the absence of precise estimates about the total number of scavangers in the State, the percentage cannot be given.